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FOR SCICOUN AND CONSOFF

REF: ALEKSANDROV APRIL 7 LETTER TO TEPPER

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR. TEPPER, US
CO-CHAIRMAN ROCKET METEOROLOGY WORKING GROUP, TO HIS SOVIET
COUNTERPART, L. A. ALEKSANDROV.

2. MAY 13, L977 -- (04.01.00)
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DR. L.A. ALEKSANDROV
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF THE USSR
12, PAVLIK MOROZOV STREET
MOSCOW, D-376, USSR

DEAR DR. ALEKSANDROV:

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE COPY OF THE OPERATIONS PLAN THAT YOU RETURNED TO US AND APPRECIATE YOUR QUICK RESPONSE.

IN REGARDS TO ITEM 5.5.1, WE WILL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU ON THE FOLLOWING FREQUENCIES WHICH YOU SUGGESTED: PRIMARY FREQUENCY 125.25; SECONDARY FREQUENCY 138.25; AND ALTERNATE FREQUENCIES IF REQUIRED 122.5; 141.25; AND 142.5. WE WILL ENTER THESE FREQUENCIES INTO THE OPERATIONS PLAN.

THANK YOU FOR INFORMING US OF THE EXPECTED DATE OF ARRIVAL OF YOUR SHIP. WE WILL ENTER THE DATES AUGUST 7-9 INTO THE OPERATIONS PLAN AND REVISE THE LAUNCH SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY WITH THE FINAL SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO THE EXACT DATE OF ARRIVAL.

IN ORDER FOR US TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF SOVIET PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH US CUSTOMS AND MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTACTS FOR SHIP PROCUREMENT OF PROVISIONS AS AGREED IN THE NOVEMBER 1976 PROTOCOL, WE WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

--WHAT USSR EQUIPMENT WILL BE BROUGHT ASHORE DURING THE TEST?
--WHAT TYPE OF SUPPLIES DO YOU ANTICIPATE PROCURING?
--WILL ALL USSR PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN THE TEST ARRIVE ON THE AKADEMIK KOROLEV OR WILL SOME OF THE DELEGATION FLY IN TO PARTICIPATE IN ONLY A PORTION OF THE TEST?
--DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY SHORE LEAVE FOR THE CREW?
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REGARDING VISAS FOR YOUR DELEGATION, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THOSE MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION WHO WILL BE COMING ASHORE FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES SHOULD APPLY FOR EXCHANGE VISAS. THE REMAINDER OF THE CREW SHOULD APPLY FOR CREW LIST VISAS.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION WE WILL NEED THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF YOUR SHIP DURING THE TEST IN ORDER TO RESERVE THE REQUIRED SEA AND AIR SPACE FOR THE LAUNCHES. WE REALIZE THAT THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE SHIP DEPENDS ON THE JUDGMENT OF THE CAPTAIN BASED ON CONDITIONS IN THE AREA AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, FROM AN OPERATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC STANDPOINT WE FEEL THAT THE OPTIMAL LOCATION WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 4-7 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF METOMKIN ISLAND (C&GS CHART NO. 12210, LAT. 37 DEGREES 45'N, LONG. 75 DEGREES 33'W).

WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

ON THESE MATTERS SO THAT WE MAY PROCEED WITH THE NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS.

AS THE INTERCOMPARISON TEST DATE DRAWS NEAR, WE ARE OF
COURSE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER YOUR NEW TEMPERA-
TURE SENSOR IS IN OPERATIONAL USE, AND IF NOT, WHEN IT
IS EXPECTED TO BE.

I PLAN TO BE AT WALLOPS ISLAND ON AUGUST 9 TO GREET THOSE
WHO HAVE ARRIVED ON THE AKADEMIK KOROLEV. WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING THE DELEGATION THEN AND MEETING MR. CHERNYSHENKO.

ON OTHER SUBJECTS, I CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THE UPPER AIR
CHARTS FOR JUNE-AUGUST 1976. HOWEVER, OUR RECORDS
INDICATE THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE SOUNDING DATA FROM
VOLGOGRAD FOR FEBRUARY 11 OR MARCH 1. WE DO HAVE SUCH
DATA FOR FEBRUARY 9, MARCH 2, AND MARCH 3.
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FINALLY, TRANSMITTING THE VTPR DATA TO YOU BY FRIDAY OF
THE SAME WEEK FOR TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY LAUNCHINGS IS AGREE-
ABLE TO US. WE ARE REPROGRAMMING SO THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE
VTPR DATA ON FRIDAYS BEGINNING IN JULY.

SINCERELY,

DR. MORRIS TEPPER
DIRECTOR OF METEOROLOGY
OFFICE OF APPLICATIONS

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